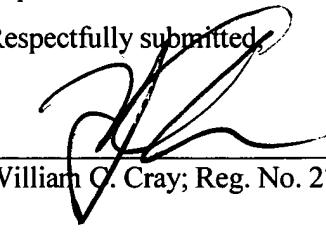


### **Conclusion**

Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 14-41 remain in the above captioned application and applicant believes that these claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow these claims 1-4, 8-11 and 14-41.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due in regard to the prosecution of this Preliminary amendment, but in the event that any such fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Cymer, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 03-4060 for any such fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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